

Breeder's Cup 2019

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CONGRATS to all connections to raise their horse, train and race it and bring it to the Breeder's Cup to compete with the best horses in the world! Great achievement right here to have the courage, hopes and confidence to compete in such a field. Hats off!

The day was mostly dominated by winners that were not the favorites. Below is a pedigree discussion of the winners of the Classic, Turf and Distaff.

Last but not least: RIP Mongolian Groom! My deepest condolences to the connection! As sad and tragic as it is, every horse owner must admit that also wild horses, untouched by humans, face challenges and dangers that they are not always able to overcome... Life is a risk; neither all humans nor all animals prefer a risk-free but rather boring existence. There is the argument of choice. A valid argument. If these horses wouldn't love to run, would they be able to compete at the Breeder's Cup?

VINO ROSSO – 2015 COLT: CLASSIC

<https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/236827/vino-rosso-outruns-mckinzie-in-breeders-cup-classic>

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/vino+rosso2>

His pattern is called “returning the blood”: return to the sire the best blood of his dam (Deputy Minister). As I describe in my book, it is important that a key ancestor can prove itself through the male and the female line, ideally through three progeny. While Deputy Minister comes close, Mr Prospector only adds colt-factor what doesn't hurt Vino Rosso but probably wouldn't work as well for a female with the same pedigree. The pedigree has two sources of Natalma through Deputy Minister and also one through the direct female line of Machiavellian.

BRICKS AND MORTAR – 2014 COLT: TURF

<https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/236830/bricks-and-mortar-finishes-perfect-season-in-bc-turf>

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/bricks+and+mortar>

At first glance he is in-bred to Storm Bird but he is actually in-bred to the kin-breds Strom Cat and Ocean Crest as Terlingua and S S Aroma are kin-bred not only through Bold Ruler (Secretariat, Seattle Slew) and Pincequillo (SomethingRoyal, Prince John) but also through the full brothers Spy Song (-> Crimson Satan) and Mr Music. This cross emphasizes Stockwell x Newminster x Lexington genetics. His dam, Beyond The Waves, brings another source of Prince John and re-inforces his background through the dam line and ties through Pincequillo into the sire line. Again, it is hard to say how the same pedigree would have worked out for a filly, but for him it sure works out!

BLUE PRIZE – 2013 MARE: DISTAFF

<https://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/236828/blue-prize-rolls-to-breeders-cup-distaff-win>

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/blue+prize2>

This 6-year old mare has a picture perfect top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer that is emphasized through the top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer through her sire. Her sire has an additional top-bottom pattern to Bull Page, on the dam side (broodmare sire) is an inside-out pattern to Swaps and the strongest line-bred female is Imperatrice. Her dam, Blues For Sale, brings together two lines that also work out in the QH racing: Grey Sovereign (-> Beduino) x Imperatrice (Dash For Cash). It is sure great to see a mare running and winning at this age as this speaks for her soundness: mentally and physically!